

IN THE CLAIMS:

The text of all pending claims, (including withdrawn claims) is set forth below. Cancelled and not entered claims are indicated with claim number and status only. The claims as listed below show added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~strikethrough~~. The status of each claim is indicated with one of (original), (currently amended), (cancelled), (withdrawn), (new), (previously presented), or (not entered).

Please CANCEL claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer and AMEND claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 and ADD claims 7-13 in accordance with the following:

1. (currently amended) An electronic mail system for delivering electronic mail sent from a sender to the appropriate receiver, the system comprising:
attached file separating means for separating, in the case of an attached file being added to electronic mail sent from the sender, the attached file from the electronic mail;
attached file transferring means for transferring the attached file separated from the electronic mail by the attached file separating means to a predetermined server; ~~and~~
store location information adding means for adding store location information indicating a location where the attached file transferred by the attached file transferring means is stored to the electronic mail; and
transfer method setting means for setting a transfer method used by the attached file transferring means according to an attribute of an attached file.

2. (cancelled)

3. (currently amended) The electronic mail system according to claim 1, wherein not only store location information but also transfer method information indicating ~~a~~ the transfer method used by the attached file transferring means are added to the electronic mail.

4. (original) The electronic mail system according to claim 1, wherein the attached file separating means, attached file transferring means, and store location information adding means are implemented as exit programs on an electronic mail server.

5. (currently amended) A computer-readable record medium recording a computer program for realizing the functions of an electronic mail server for delivering electronic mail sent from a sender to the appropriate receiver, the program comprising ~~the functions of:~~

attached file separating means for separating, in the case of an attached file being added to electronic mail sent from the sender, the attached file from the electronic mail;

attached file transferring means for transferring the attached file separated from the electronic mail by the attached file separating means to a predetermined server; ~~and~~

store location information adding means for adding store location information indicating a location where the attached file transferred by the attached file transferring means is stored to the electronic mail; and

transfer method setting means for setting a transfer method used by the attached file transferring means according to an attribute of an attached file.

6. (currently amended) An electronic mail delivery method for delivering electronic mail sent from a sender to the appropriate receiver, the system comprising:

~~an attached file separating step for separating, in the case of an attached file being added to electronic mail sent from the sender, the attached file from the electronic mail;~~

~~an attached file transferring step for transferring the attached file separated from the electronic mail by the attached file separating step to a predetermined server; and~~

~~a store location information adding step for adding store location information indicating a location where the attached file transferred by the attached file transferring step is stored to the electronic mail; and~~

setting a transfer method used when transferring the attached file according to an attribute of an attached file.

7. (new) An apparatus comprising:

means for separating an attachment from electronic mail sent by a sender;

means for transferring the attachment separated from the electronic mail to a predetermined server based upon an attribute of the attachment; and

means for adding store location information to the electronic mail which corresponds to a location where the transferred attachment is stored on the predetermined server.

8. (new) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the predetermined server is determined based upon information included in a header of the electronic mail comprising the sender's mail address, a receiver's mail address and a subject of the electronic mail.

9. (new) The apparatus of claim 7, wherein the store location information corresponds to a store server, a store directory, a login account and a password to allow a receiver of the electronic mail to retrieve the attachment.

10. (new) A method comprising:
separating an attachment from electronic mail sent by a sender;
transferring the attachment separated from the electronic mail to a predetermined server based upon an attribute of the attachment; and
adding store location information to the electronic mail which corresponds to a location where the transferred attachment is stored on the predetermined server.

11. (new) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the predetermined server is determined based upon information included in a header of the electronic mail comprising the sender's mail address, a receiver's mail address and a subject of the electronic mail.

12. (new) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the store location information corresponds to a store server, a store directory, a login account and a password to allow a receiver of the electronic mail to retrieve the attachment.

13. (new) A computer readable medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a method of delivering electronic mail sent by a sender, the method comprising:
separating an attachment from electronic mail sent by the sender;
transferring the attachment separated from the electronic mail to a predetermined server based upon an attribute of the attachment; and
adding store location information to the electronic mail which corresponds to a location where the transferred attachment is stored on the predetermined server.